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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 254499 SENT ACTION CARACAS
NOVEMBER 19TH:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 254499

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VE

SUBJECT: U.S.-VENEZUELAN TALKS

REF: CARACAS 11389

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD TELL SCHACHT THAT WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE
TO PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF FIRM ARRANGEMENTS AND A
SPECIFIC TIME TABLE. ACCORDINGLY, YOU MAY SAY THAT THE
SECRETARY WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM HERE IN
WASHINGTON DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16. IF THAT IS
AGREEABLE, WE CAN SEND AN ADVANCE EMISSARY TO CARACAS AT
A TIME CONVENIENT TO THE MINISTER TO WORK ON AN AGENDA
FOR THE DECEMBER TALKS.

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2. FYI: IN VIEW OF THE BACKGROUND TO THIS EXERCISE,

INCLUDING PARTICULARLY ITS ORIGINS IN A VENEZUELAN
INITIATIVE, WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON IS THE APPROPRIATE
VENUE FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ON THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL
AND ARE NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO HOLD THEM IN CARACAS.
THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF A KISSINGER TRIP TO CARACAS
NOW, SO IF SCHACHT WANTS TO SEE THE SECRETARY, HE WILL
HAVE TO COME HERE. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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